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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, APER, US, UY, CS

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR ERNEST V.

SIRACUSA

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2744

1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS RE ARRIVAL SCENARIO AND AGREE WE WISH AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF "SNEAKING" INTO THE COUNTRY. SUBJECT TO YOUR JUDGMENT ON SECURITY, IT WOULD BE MY PREFERENCE TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

A) GREETING AT PLANE SIDE BY URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES AND COUNTRY TEAM.

B) MAKE ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT AIRPORT

TO MEMBERS OF MEDIA INFORMED BY USIS

AN HOUR OR TWO BEFORE ARRIVAL. THIS

SHOULD ENSURE SOME MEDIA BEING PRESENT BUT AVOID SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PREPARATION OF HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS.

BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE FOR USIS TO TAPE

STATEMENT AT THAT TIME FOR ISSUANCE LATER

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TO RADIO ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUSLY PREPARED

PRESS RELEASE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT.
TV COVERAGE COULD BE MADE BY USIS AND POSSIBLY
OTHERS AT SAME TIME. WHETHER THIS WOULD OCCUR
IN THE TERMINAL OR ON THE TARMAC I WOULD LEAVE
TO YOUR DECISION, BUT WOULD PREFER PASS THROUGH
TERMINAL TO AUTOMOBILE UNLESS YOU DEEM UNADVISABLE.

2. I WOULD NOT WISH TO DEFER MAKING ARRIVAL
STATEMENT UNTIL TIME OF PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS WHICH MIGHT BE A WEEK OR TWO
LATER. WITH REGARD TO ANY PRESS ASSEMBLED
AT AIRPORT, I WOULD NOT GO BEYOND ARRIVAL
STATEMENT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT WOULD BE
INAPPROPRIATE TO SAY ANY MORE UNTIL I HAD
PRESENTED CREDENTIALS, AND THAT AT AN
APPROPRIATE TIME I WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET
WITH THE PRESS. I ASSUME FIRST ENCOUNTER
WOULD, THEREFORE, BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

3. I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO HAVE
CONFIRMED FIRST CLASS SEAT ON PAA 201
OUT OF PANAMA. SINCE IT IS SUCH A LONG
FLIGHT AND PREFERABLE ARRIVE FRESH AS
POSSIBLE, I MAY SWITCH TO BRANIFF VIA
BUENOS AIRES IF PAA DOES NOT WORK OUT.
WILL ADVISE CHANGED ETA IF NECESSARY.

4. BARBECUE IS FINE WITH ME IF THERE IS
ANY MEAT.

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